with the commanding of the Boeing 737, which called for strict observance of professional norms of air-safety?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The report of the Court of Inquiry appointed to investigate the accident to Indian Airlines B-737 aircraft at Aurangabad, is under consideration of the Government.

Starting of private airlines in North Eastern States

3074. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a statement issued by the Minister of State for Steel asking the private airlines to start flights to North Eastern States;

(b) if so, why Indian Airlines has failed in fulfiling the needs of the North Eastern States and what are the details of the private carriers proposed to be put in operation in that region; and

(c) whether the Chief Ministers of Seven sister States have made a similar plea; if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Problem of bird bulls at airports

3075. SHRMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem published in some newspapers about the Blue Bulls keeping planes off from Airport as well as the bird menace at Jaipur Airport;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to free the airport from Blue Bulls of the bird hazards by removing the dumping grounds developed by Jaipur Municipal Boards near the airport;

(c) what are the short-term and long term plans of Government to keep airports-free from various hazards for the safety of passengers; and

(d) the details of losses suffered by the public and private sector airlines in the country from these difficulties, during the last three years and the amount spent on repairs?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Due to the presence of blue bulls, Patna airport was closed for aircraft operations for a few days in the last week of December, 1993. National Airports Authority has been advised to construct boundary wall with overhang barbed wires around Patna airfield.

The garbage dump which is at a distance of two kilometers from Jaipur airport, is not considered a source of bird menace to aircraft operations at the airport.

The Airfield Environmental Management Committees are continuously trying to control airfield environment to make them unattractive to the birds. Airports in India are being provided with boundary walls in a phased manner.

(d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Inclusion of aviation education in the schools/college curriculam

3076. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem published in Free Press Journal of February 11, 1994 suggesting the aviation education and safety should be included in school and college curriculam to meet the growing demand of aviation personnel;